

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Henrico County, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

September 29, 2016 to October 28, 2016

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal activity to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water and other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

Army Corps of Engineers

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Curles Neck Properties, LLC (applicant) is seeking authorization from Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for an individual permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (Public Law 95-217) for impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States from the proposed Curles Neck Sand and Gravel Mine. The proposed mining operation will extract the mineral reserves within the Curles Neck Farm site which is owned by the applicant. Mining has occurred adjacent to this parcel since the 1950's and the subject property is one of three areas that have not yet been mined. The project includes the construction of a sand and gravel pit that will provide construction materials for additional construction activities (such as road beds). Preparing the site for mining will involve the removal of top soil and vegetation which will then be stored and utilized in future for land reclamation. Mining will occur in a phased cell approach with mining beginning in the northernmost part of the property, moving south. Each cell will capture runoff from the previous cell and land reclamation will be completed concurrent to the mining. Unavoidable permanent impacts to wetlands and an intermittent stream will occur. The applicant has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. This consistency certification is submitted pursuant to Subpart D of the federal consistency regulation (15 CFR 930.5) for projects requiring a federal license or permit.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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